TAFT FORCES SEE STRENGTH FAST WANING

Grasping at Last Straws in Effort to Boost

Cause.

(Continued from First Page.) and named a Taft delegation, also instructed. Which was regular convention? Which delegation will be seated at Bay City?

Thus far the parallel is complete. But here comes a divergence. In In-diana the State chairman was a Taft diana the State chairman was a Taft man, and he gaveled the Taft program through, giving the Taft people the privilege of seating the Marion delegation, and letting the Taft delegates from Marion vote on the question OF THEIR OWN RIGHT TO SEATS. In the Michigan convention the State chairman will be a Rooseveit man, Frank Knox, and the boot will be on the other leg. If both contesting delegations from Wayne are excluded from the privilege of voting on their own credentials, then the majority will be pro-Roosevelt, and the Roosevelt delegation from Wayne will be seated and the from Wayne will be seated and the State convention will be for Roosevelt by about 300 majority. There will then be a bolt of the Taft

supporters, a contesting delegation will be named, and Michigan will go to the national convention with a showing ex-actly like that of Indiana. If the na-tional committee seats the Taft delegational committee seats the Taft delega-tion from Indiana, the same logic will force it to seat the Roosevelt delega-tion from Michigan; and vice versa. The worst that can happen to the Roosevelt forces is to lose one of these States and gain the other. On the other hand, if the national convention deter-mined to settle both contests on their

mined to settle both contests on their merits, the Roosevelt people expect to get both delegations at large.

The Michigan delegation at large, by the way, consists of six delegates, because Michigan has a Congressman-atlarge, as well as two Senators, to be represented.

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"THE NEW PURITAN"

Losing Their Grip. The Taft people are losing their grip on the national committee, simply be-

cause the committeemen realize that the Taft managers are going to demand more unreasoning loyalty than can pos-sibly be given. The demand that they shall settle all contests, Northern and Southern, meritorious and bogus, good and bad, in the interest of Taft is prov-ing too big an order for the self-respect even of many pro-Taft members of the It is known beyond peradventure that

in the last fortnight the Taft control
of the committee has been wavering.
As general council of the party, the committee is getting into a frame of mind that wil compel it to consider contests with reference to their merits, and to decide them as reason and justice shall That is all the Roosevelt forces ask.

If they don't get it, several Northern States will see their Republican organ-izations so ripped asunder that effective harmony in the fall campaign will be impossible, and the States will be turned over to the Democrats. Responsibility for sch a condition is more ithan the national committeemen care to

In the EmpiretSate. Exasperating in the extreme to the

Taft managers is the fact that Illinois and New York are to decide their Presidential preferences the coming week.
New York is proving unmanageable.
Chairman Barnes doesn't want an instructed Taft delegation. He and the old patron machine want the delegation of the province of the province of the president of the pre and New York are to decide their Presifor use in some important deals. are determined that Sherman shall be renominated for Vice President, and they want to have a club with which to extort important concessions from whoever is the nominee for President But Mr. Taft, convinced at last that But Mr. Taft, convinced at last that an uninstructed delegation from New York; coming at the same time that Illinois goes for Roosevelt and Michigan does the same thing, would put an end to his candidacy as a serious affair with Northern States, is making a desperate effort to cajole the New Yorkers into giving him the form of an instructed delegation.

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If he can get instructions for the del-If he can get instructions for the delegates at large, he will be willing to let Barnes and his allies write just as react:onary a platform as they like. Moreover, he will be willing that the New York platform shall be understood to be the Administration's model for the national declaration.

It is possible that, on these conditions, an instruction may be given to the four delegates at large for Taft; not yet probable, however. If the deal is made it will please the Roosevelt people right down to their boots. They would be entirely satisfied to have Taft get instructions if in exchange he accepted

structions if in exchange he accepted sort of platform Barnes wants 'o That platform would crystallize pro

gressive sentiment in the Middle West and West and strengthen Roosevelt in those sections to an extent that noth ing else could do. The Roosevelt I

The Roosevelt people calculate that about the time the country ets a clear vision of Barnes as the national platform dictator there will be a revolt that will make Illinois unanimous, carry West Virginia certainly, and make the West coast States fall into line with dispatch and emphasis.

While the Taft managers are thus

negotiating for a complete surrender to the most reactionary wing of the party. Illinois is rising up for Roosevelt in a feshion that justifies the claim of the Illinois committee that Roosevelt will get all the Congressional districts except the one in Chicago, which Lorimer owns, and he may get even this. Roosevelt's present Western trip has aroused more enthusiasm than anything else during the present campaign, and the reason is that the issue between him and Taft is being drawn clearer and sharper than ever before on the matters of principle involved in the

The Fight In Iowa.

The fight for control of the Iowa close, both sides claiming it. The Third Congressional district, of which Du-Congressional district, of which Dibuque is the metropolis, selected two Commins delegates, despite that it has always been a close district as between the Cummins and anti-Cummins forces. No instructions were given, and none were needed; the delegates were chosen with the understanding that they were for Cummins first and last.

The Cummins first and last.

The Cummins campaign in fowa has disappointed its supporters, and the explanation which comes from the State is most disconcerting to Administration forces. It is that thousands of Republicans of all shades of opinion are unwilling to take part in primaries this year because they don't expire to be able to support the party ticket in November. ticket in November.

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